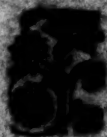


A SOBER
LETTER
OF
GENERAL MONCK'S
UNTO THE

Commander in Chiefe, and Officers
in *Ireland*: with another Letter from an
Officer of the Army there; wherein the
Genrall doth declare his own, and Armes
resolution, to adhere to their first Decla-
ration; notwithstanding the agreement of
his Commissioners at *London*, it being con-
trary to the Instructions given them to
A& by.



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A LETTER
FROM
THE
OFFICE

GENERAL MONROE
TO THE

General in Chief, and Officers
in Command with another Letter from an
Officer of the Army there; wherein the
General is desired to send him his
religion to adhere to them with the
Commissioners and the agreement of
the Commissioners as to what is being con-
sidered to the Instructions given them to
advise.



(1)

**General Monck's Letter unto the Com-
mander in Chiefe in Ireland, to be communica-
ted to the Officers there.**

SIR,

HAVING recieved your's, of the 4. of this instant
signed by your self and some others, you are
pleased to signifie your apprehensions of our
undertakings, and your hopes that we have re-
ceived from our Bretheren in *England*, such satisfaction
as we may acquiesce in their late actings: I have sent to
you by this Gentleman these inclosed Papers, wherein
you will be fully informed of our endeavours and pains to
keep a right understanding with our friends and Fellow-
souldiers, but we sincerely professe to you that we can-
not be convinced of any such necessity or sence of du-
ty that could engage them in Actions so violent, and un-
warrantable, contrary to such late and solemn engage-
ments, indeed it makes our hearts mourn in secret to con-
sider what the issue of this dangerous and rash change of
the Government may be, but we hope we shall be found
in the way of duty, and shall walk according to Gods
word, in that we have born our testimony according to
our consciences, against that which is evil, and we hum-
bly desire you to lay to heart the great dishonour that will
lye upon the holy name of God, by our inconstancy, and
(I wish I could not say) Treachery: are we not an Army

that have the highest engagements upon us, never such a professing Generation for God, yet to make no conscience of obedience to those that God sets over us, nay such whose authority hath been witnessed too by Almighty God in many successes, and for restoring of which, we were but the other day rejoycing and praising God. And for the asserting whose just authority our Brethren in *England* so lately hazarded to blood, and from whom we have all received Commissions and Encouragement, and this to be don without halfe an houres deliberation, we tremble to consider of it, and that a few persons and of them some unknown to us to be intrusted with the power of abolishing Lawes, Raising moneys, chusing generall Officers, creating new Modells of Government, making Peace and War, and this derived from the Officers of a few Regiments quartered in *England*, and our consent to all this authoritatively required, we cannot but witnesse against such proceedings as must needs make us a Scorn to our Enemies, a shame to our friends, and odious to all the People of God in the VVorld: is this the *good old Cause*, the defence of the Parliaments priviledges to dissolve them with the greatest Contempt? are Peoples Rights now secured, when their consciences, Estates and persons are abandoned to the wills and pleasure of nine or ten persons? are the Churches of *Jesus Christ* like to be protected when the encouragement of the Ministry of the Churches is to be removed? Now we beseech you in the bowells of the Lord *Jesus* to lay to heart these things, and consider whether our jealousies and fears be not reall, and we desire to deale with plainnesse and singlennesse of heart as in the presence of God with you, that our Brethren in *England* are

are very dear to us in the Lord, that it wounds us deeper to consider these actings, then the wounds we have received from our enemies, for them we could have born. We blesse the Lord that you are so sensible of the hazard and blood that may follow: so we beg of you to remember what blood hath been shed, and who will answer for it, if we be worse then those God cast out before us. We blesse God we need no umbrage for our actions, but testifie before God and man that we will not admit any single person whatsoever, nor House of Lords, that we desire successive Parliaments and Councils of State establish by authority of Parliament for the Government of these Nations, and that there may be a Legal foundation and succession. We desire our Brethren in *Ireland* to joyn with us in our desires to the Army, in *England*, that this Parliament may be restored, and put a period to their sitting, and settle such expedients as may be for the securing of these Nations against the common enemy, and we shall take this as a renewed engagement of your Brotherly love and kindnesse to us, and having no further to trouble you, but to let you know that I am

Edinburgh, 27.

Nov. 1659.

Honoured Sir,

Your humble Servant

This Messenger after some time, being in this City, carried himself very indiscreetly, so that I thought fit to confine him to his Chamber, which I hope you will not take ill.

GEORGE MONGK,

(4)

A Letter from an Officer of the
Parliaments Army in Scotland,
to an eminent friend in
London.

Sir,

THE Lord Generall and Officers there, are
resolved to stand to their Declarations and
Resolutions for the Parliament; what their
Commissioners have done being besides their
Instructions in the Third, Fourth and Sixth
Articles of their late agreement.

Edinburgh 29
Nov. 1659.

Your Servant

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For Mr. I P.

